

“The first thing America needs to know about Pete Pace is that he is a Marine. To the American people, ‘Marine’ is shorthand for ‘can-do,’ and I’m counting on Pete Pace to bring the Marine spirit to these new responsibilities.”

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— President George W. Bush
speaking of Gen. Peter Pace after
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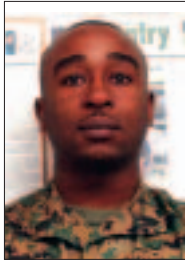
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FEATURED CONTRIBUTOR

Sgt. Donald P. Bohanner, MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.



Sgt. Donald P. Bohanner was born in Memphis, Tenn., but grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich. After attending college for a year he decided to enlist because he was “searching for something more rewarding out of life,” the 25-year-old said. He joined

the Marine Corps May 24, 1999, as a combat videographer.

He made the switch from videographer to combat correspondent

in 2003 and enjoys his job. “I get to tell the world our story,” he said.

He is currently the press chief for the MCB Quantico newspaper,

The Sentry. Past assignments include a stint at Marine Corps Air

Station Beaufort, S.C., and a seven-month deployment to Iraq.

He recently wrote a three-part series about changes at the

Personnel Support Management Branch, which has been condensed

for this issue of *Marines*.

“In the three-part series I learned a lot about the OMPF and

fitness reports, the key was debunking many of the myths about

fitness reports.” You can learn about the myths and the process in

Bohanner’s story on page 16. **M**



On the Cover

Marines Make Moves to Stay in Corps — See the Inside Cover Flap to learn more about these Marines and their jobs.

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SOUND OFF

Opportunities to Excel

FOR MARINES, RECRUIT TRAINING AND OFFICER CANDIDATE School are the first transformational steps in a journey filled with growth and challenge.

The rest of their time in the Corps – whether four years or 20 – is spent honing the skills learned in initial training and developing new personal capabilities to excel. The drive to become better Marines and leaders through education and training is a hallmark of today’s warriors.

Marine Corps Institute courses, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academies, off-duty education – all are career-enhancing forays on a Marine’s journey from signing up to checking out.

From the Editor

The tangible and intangible skills learned in uniform and sharpened with time in the Corps are

carried forward to life after service as a leatherneck. But to fight today’s battles and the emerging threats of the 21st century, even more is expected of Marines.

Marines are learning to fight a new type of war – the asymmetrical war. This type of battle, characterized by non-force-on-force tactics, requires quicker, more adaptable and highly trained warriors.

Fortunately, these are traits Marines have excelled at throughout our history. As an institution, the Corps is adapting – shifting capabilities – and individual Marines are also rising to the challenge.

Marines can take advantage of new programs such as the MOS Roadmaps to better chart career progress. Advanced knowledge bases like the Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., increase Marines’ understanding of the people we help and the enemies we fight.

Change is in the air and opportunities abound, but the challenge remains for the individual Marine to take advantage of these opportunities.

In this issue, *Marines* looks at how to better chart a journey in the Corps, the upcoming changes that will affect Marines and programs designed to help them in uniform and out. As in years past, Marines continue to do what we do best, adapt to the situation and fight our nation’s battles. **M**

**Semper Fi,
Marines**

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Marines,

I received (*Marines* magazine) today, saw the survey card and decided to write. Included is the card but I wanted to offer a couple of comments. I have been very impressed with the quality of print material, photos and articles. I wish this type of magazine had been available when I was on active duty. I feel the subscription price is reasonable considering the fine paper and ink and the time you must spend creating this periodical.

I have two specific comments to share. First, dealing with the Superintendent of Documents for subscription is a life experience in itself. My first subscription took at least 9 months to get right and I'm not sure if I received all the issues from 2002 to 2003 or not. The renewals seemed to have gone better. Second, it would be very enjoyable to receive this magazine monthly. I think to have such a quality product (on a monthly basis) would be a welcome and informative sight. I would encourage members of my local Marine Corps League to subscribe (with a disclaimer regarding dealing with SupDoc for subscriptions of course!).

Thank you for your interest in my opinion and thanks for such a great magazine. Good luck in the future. Semper Fi.

Respectfully,
Richard T. Smith, CPA
Served in the Corps from 1971-1977

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SemperToons

By Staff Sgt. Charles F. Wolf



Tell it to the Marines!



Here's your chance to write for *Marines*. Take a look at the photograph above and tell us what you think is happening. Submit your funny caption to MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil. Include your name, unit and base. *Marines* will pick the best one to run in next quarter's issue.



Last Issue's Funny Caption Winner:
"Wait a minute ... this isn't where I parked!"

— Lance Cpl. Brandon Mirocke
5th Battalion, 11th Marines,
1st Marine Division
MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.

More information on concert dates and community events can be found on the Community Relations Web site at www.marines.mil/comrel/120day.nsf/community.

If you have a calendar event of Marine Corpswide interest, submit it to mcnews@hqmc.usmc.mil.

CALENDAR

| 2005 JULY | 2005 AUGUST | 2005 SEPTEMBER |
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| <p>July 2-4 > Marine Corps Harriers support the Fair St. Louis in St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>July 4 > Independence Day!</p> <p>July 5 > Marine Corps Community Services Okinawa hosts an Aquathlon, a run-swim-run race, on Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan</p> <p>July 8 > Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See July 1 above)</p> <p>July 11, 1798 > The Marine Corps was re-established by an act of Congress, succeeding the Continental Marines. The next day, President John Adams appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps.</p> <p>July 15 > Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See July 1 above)</p> <p>July 17-25 > Armed Forces Men's Basketball at MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.</p> <p>July 17-23 The Young Marines National Encampment 2 takes place at Outdoor Odyssey in Boswell, Pa. Learn more at: www.youngmarines.com.</p> <p>July 22 > Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See July 1 above)</p> <p>July 25 > Armed Forces Men's Basketball – July 17-25</p> <p>Last day of reporting for active duty second lieutenants, reserve colonels and active reserve colonels fitness reports. July 30 ></p> | <p>Aug. 1 > 2006 registration period for Young Marines begins.</p> <p>Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps perform the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington Aug. 5 ></p> <p>July 1, 1920 Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune became the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps.</p> <p>July 6, 1990 The A-4 Skyhawk retired from the Corps active aviation structure after 30 years of service.</p> <p>July 8 Summer Barracks Bash at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.</p> <p>July 10-16 The Young Marines National Encampment 1 takes place at Outdoor Odyssey in Boswell, Pa. Learn more at: www.youngmarines.com.</p> <p>Aug. 12 > Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See Aug. 5 above)</p> <p>Aug. 12, 1949 Geneva Convention signed.</p> <p>Aug. 15-Sept. 7 All Marine Women's Basketball at MCAS Miramar, Calif.</p> <p>Marine Corps Harriers support the 47th Air & Water Show in Chicago, Ill. Aug. 18-21 ></p> <p>Aug. 19 > Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See Aug. 5 above)</p> <p>Armed Forces Women's Softball, Peterson AFB, Colorado Aug. 22-27 ></p> <p>Silent Drill Platoon – July 1, 8, 15, & 22 and Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26</p> <p>July 25-31 Marine Corps Harriers support an event in OshKosh, Wis.</p> <p>July 25-Aug. 3 NASCAR Celebrity Driver Handshake at locations in Kuwait and Iraq sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment.</p> <p>July 29 Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See July 1 above)</p> | <p>Aug. 1-21 All Marine Women's Softball, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Calif.</p> <p>Sept. 2-5 > Nationals Women's Softball in Killeen, Texas/Auburn, Ala.</p> <p>Sept. 4 > Marine Corps Harriers support the 3rd Federal Riverfest in Cincinnati, Ohio</p> <p>Marines, led by Lt. Col S. E. Watson, began their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico. Aug. 6, 1847</p> <p>Aug. 7, 1953 Staff Sgt. Barbara Olive Barnwell became the first woman awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Medal. The Pittsburgh native, a member of the Marine Reserve, saved a soldier from drowning.</p> <p>Aug 7-13 Men's Softball East Coast Regional at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., and Softball West Coast Regional at MCRD San Diego</p> <p>Sept. 11 > Patriot Day</p> <p>Sept. 11, 2001 Terrorists hijack and crash two planes into the World Trade Center in New York City and another into the Pentagon in Washington. A fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers overpowered terrorist hijackers. The tragic events of the day signal the beginning of the Global War on Terror.</p> <p>Aug. 14-Sept. 4 All Marine Men's Softball at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.</p> <p>Aug. 18-21 > National Purple Heart Day – Aug. 7</p> <p>Aug. 21, 1968 Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius presented Pfc. James Anderson Jr. with the Medal of Honor posthumously for his heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with F Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, in Feb. 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine.</p> <p>Last day of reporting for active duty sergeants major and master gunnery sergeants; reserve sergeants, staff sergeants, gunnery sergeants, first sergeants, master sergeants, captains and majors; and active reserve sergeants, staff sergeants, gunnery sergeants, first sergeants and master sergeants fitness reports. Sept. 30 ></p> <p>Marine Corps Harriers support Spirit of St. Louis at Chesterfield Airport in St. Louis, Mo. < Sept. 3-5</p> <p>Sept. 5 Labor Day</p> <p>Sept. 5-10 Armed Forces Men's Softball at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.</p> <p>Armed Forces Women's Basketball at Naval Base Ventura County, Calif. < Sept. 10-18</p> <p>Sept. 11-17 All-Marine Golf at MCRD Parris Island, S.C.</p> <p>Sept. 11 > Patriot Day</p> <p>Sept. 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day – Sept. 16</p> <p>Sept. 20 Department of Defense Safety & Health Forum in Orlando, Fla.</p> <p>Sept. 20, 1950 Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by Sept. 27, 1950.</p> <p>The 2006 registration period for Young Marines program ends. < Sept. 30</p> |

